



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, July 13, 2015

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-3427)

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Present: President Becky A. Shevlin, Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Maria Calix, Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds, Commissioner Barbara Kappos LCSW, Commissioner Charlotte Lesser and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: Commissioner Nancy Cohen Ph.D. and Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

Call to Order. (15-3155)

President Becky A. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., and welcomed the Commissioners and guests to the meeting.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 1.** Discussion and appropriate action on the request to pay the Domestic Violence Council's membership dues to the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence for 2015-16 Fiscal Year. (Continued from the meeting of June 8, 2015) (15-2838)

This item was continued to the August 10, 2015 meeting without discussion.

- 2.** Discussion and appropriate action on the request to send members of LACCW DV Committee to attend the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence Conference in September 2015. (Continued from the meeting of June 8, 2015) (15-2620)

This item was continued to a future meeting without discussion.

3. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of June 8, 2015 Minutes. (15-3156)

On motion of Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Maria Calix, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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II. REPORTS

4. President's Report for July 13, 2015. (15-3157)

President Shevlin reported that she along with Treasurer Garcia attended the Domestic Violence Council's Breakfast Briefing. She attended a briefing held by Volunteers of America. She also reported on a newspaper article "The PAWS Act: Protecting Women and the Pets they Love" (BeaconMediaNews.Com - July 9, 2015 - July 15, 2015, Pg. 13). The PAWS Act was introduced in March 2015 by Rep. Katherine M. Clark of Massachusetts, to help victims of domestic violence (and their animals) regardless of gender.

5. Domestic Violence Report for July 13, 2015. (15-3158)

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Domestic Violence Council held a Breakfast Briefing on June 19, 2015. The meeting was a success, well attended by over 13 organizations and it was an opportunity for the various organizations and agencies to exchange information. She also received positive feedback from the attendees and they recommended the Briefing be held annually.

Commissioner Lesser recommended that other Commissions, as well as DCFS and DPSS should be considered when sending out invitations for future briefings.

6. Education Committee Report for July 13, 2015. (15-3159)

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Education Committee reviewed all scholarship applications received and selected nine (9) deserving young women to receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each. The scholarship Presentation program will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., and encouraged Commissioners to attend and show their support of the program and the recipients.

She also reported that the Education Committee will meet and review the scholarship application, processes and criteria. She further reported

that the Committee will also meet with the collaborating agencies to discuss processes and ensure that the applications are disseminated properly.

Commissioners Govine and Rodriguez will collaborate on developing a process to track the progress of the students receiving scholarships from the CW and possibly highlighting their achievements on the Commission's website.

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7. Executive Committee Report for July 13, 2015. (15-3160)

President Shevlin reported that the Executive Committee held a teleconference meeting on June 22, 2015 and discussed the June 8, 2015 Summit, the CW intern and the draft Retreat Agenda. She also thanked Commissioner Garcia for coordinating the Summit.

8. Health Committee Report for July 13, 2015. (15-3161)

Commissioner Lesser reported that the Health Committee is tracking information regarding the countywide consolidation Health Services and staff is tracking the number of Los Angeles County residents who enrolled for health care under Covered California.

9. Recap on the Women's Commission Summit held on June 8, 2015. (15-3163)

Commissioner Garcia reported that she received positive feedback from the City of Los Angeles and Pasadena's Commission. They hope to continue the conversation and think of creative ways to collaborate because our Commissions are working on some of the same issues.

She also thanked staff for their work in putting the Summit together.

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10. Recap on the ACCW conference held on June 27, 2015. (15-3336)

Commissioner Garcia reported that the ACCW conference provided the opportunity to gather information on what's happening in the State of California pertaining to women and girls. Each Commission's representative was given three minutes to present on their respective Commission's work.

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11. Staff Report for July 13, 2015. (15-3165)

Staff reported that potential intern Shannon Heintz has regretfully declined accepting the CWs internship position.

A second candidate who expressed interest in the position is currently out of the country and is unavailable at this time. Staff received a third application and will be reaching out to the applicant to schedule an interview.

III. PRESENTATIONS

12. Presentation on Women Homeless Veterans.

Zahirah Mann, J.D., Program Officer, Housing Stability, United Way of Greater Los Angeles (15-3166)

Zahirah Mann, J.D., Program Officer, Housing Stability, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Home for Good program which focuses on the issue of homelessness in Los Angeles County. She stated that Home for Good is an initiative to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015, chronic homelessness by the end of 2016 and ending homelessness in Los Angeles County is critical to ultimately end homelessness altogether nationwide.

She also stated that it is cross sector collaboration between businesses, Public Sectors, Philanthropists and Non-profit agencies. It is data driven and fueled by innovative collaboration of the aforementioned entities.

Please see Supporting Document for details.

Ms. Mann Concluded by stating there is an open invitation for all cities to join the collaborative efforts to end homelessness.

President Shevlin thanked Ms. Zahirah Mann for her presentation.

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IV. DISCUSSIONS

13. Discussion and consideration of agenda items for the CW Annual Retreat meeting scheduled to be held on August 10, 2015. (15-2844)

A discussion was held regarding items to be included on the Retreat Agenda and the following were identified:

- Creation of a joint sub-committee with CCF and CW (DCFS and removal of children from families)
- Discussion and update of CW Committees
- Integration of Los Angeles County Health Agency;
- 2015-16 FY Budget
- 2015-16 CW Goals

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

14. Commissioners' Announcements for July 13, 2015. (15-3167)

Commissioner Kappos announced that Cal Casa will host its national conference on September 2, 2015 through September 4, 2015, and she will be a presenter on human trafficking. She also attended a breakfast hosted by the Los Angeles Sparks Basketball team and they will also host a "We are Women" event on August 30, 2015.

Commissioner Hinds announced that the State of California funded the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls and the funding for the Commission will be budgeted going forward.

Commissioner Calix attended a retreat on development.

Commissioner Govine announced that she will be reading poetry to the youth at Camp Scott Scudder on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

Commissioner Lesser announced that the Blue Zone was recognized in the Los Angeles Times on July 10, 2015. Los Angeles will be welcoming over 170,000 people for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games beginning July 25, 2015.

Commissioner Petrossian announced that she spoke as the education graduate at California State University, Los Angeles, and she will be attending the NACW conference July 19, 2015 through July 23, 2015.

Matters Not Posted

15. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-3168)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

16. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-3169)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

17. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, July 13, 2015. (15-3170)

There being no further business, President Shevlin adjourned the meeting of June 8, 2015 at 12:05 p.m.